

**SB 5254 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the legislative youth advisory council to examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty, homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal basis.

Provides that the council shall have the following duties:  
(1) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation, including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to youth;

(2) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to youth;

(3) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding leadership, government, and the legislature;

(4) Meeting at least three times but not more than six times per year, including not more than two public hearings on issues of importance to youth; and

(5) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its activities, including proposed legislation that implements recommendations of the council.

Provides that the office of superintendent of public instruction, the legislature, any agency of the legislature, and any official or employee of such office or agency are immune from liability for any injury that is incurred by or caused by a member of the youth advisory council and that occurs while the member of the council is performing duties of the council or is otherwise engaged in activities or receiving services for which reimbursement is allowed under this act. The immunity provided by this act does not apply to an injury intentionally caused by the act or omission of an employee or official of the superintendent of public instruction or the legislature or any agency of the legislature.

Expires June 30, 2007.